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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

The title page showing the illustrative figure should be deleted to be replaced with the attached title page.

The drawing sheets 1-4, consisting of Figs. 1-7, should be deleted to be replaced with the drawing sheets, consisting of Figs. 1-7, as shown on the attached pages.

Claim 1, line 24, please replace “aluminium” with --aluminum--.

Claim 6, line 35, please replace “02%” with --0.2%--.

Claim 14, line 54, please replace “a” with --aluminum--.

Claim 14, line 60, please replace “Inch” with --inch--.

Claim 20, line 36, please replace “4%0” with --4%--.

Claim 24, line 45, please replace “20” with --23--.

Claim 27, line 58, please replace “off” with --offset--.

Claim 25, line 48, please delete “is” before the word “has”.

Claim 30, line 64, before “aluminum” please insert --the--.

Claim 31, line 66, before “aluminum” please insert --the--.

Claim 32, line 1, before “aluminum” please insert --the--.

Claim 36, line 3, before “aluminum” please insert --the--.

Claim 37, line 5, before “aluminum” please insert --the--.

Claim 38, line 7, before “aluminum” please insert --the--.

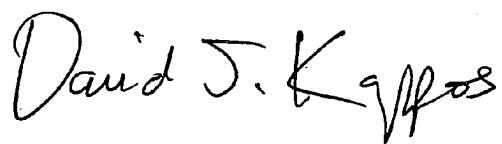
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Claim 39, line 9, before "aluminum" please insert --the--.

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(54) **METAL ALLOY PRODUCT AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING SAME**

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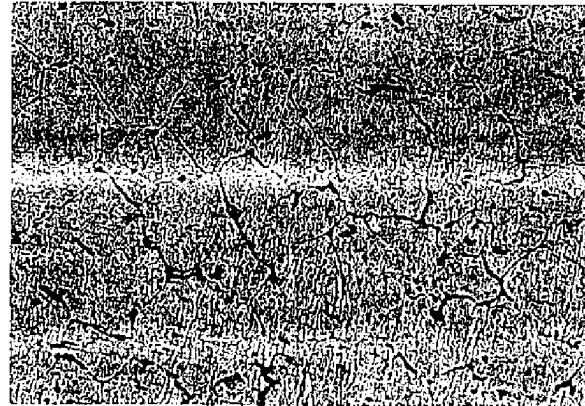
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A method for producing a cast aluminum alloy article having high strength and/or toughness is provided. The method includes providing a molten aluminum alloy, centrifugally casting the molten aluminum alloy to form a cast body; and hot isostatically processing the cast body to form a hipped body. The hipped body may optionally be solution heat treated to form a heat treated body, which may subsequently be precipitation hardened to further enhance the properties of the cast product as desired. The method allows the production of cast aluminum alloy articles having physical and mechanical properties similar to those obtained for articles produced from corresponding aluminum alloy chemistries by wrought techniques.

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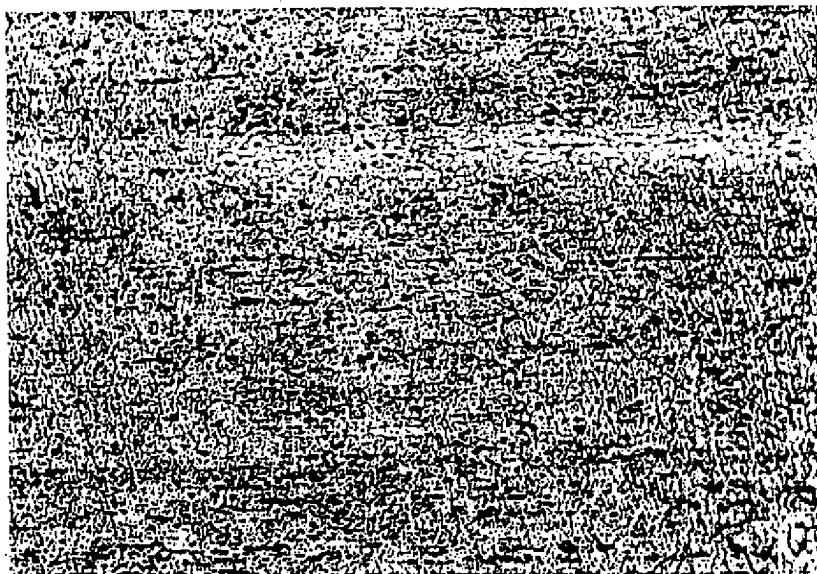
200X CENTRIFUGAL CAST AND HIPPED JC6061-T6C

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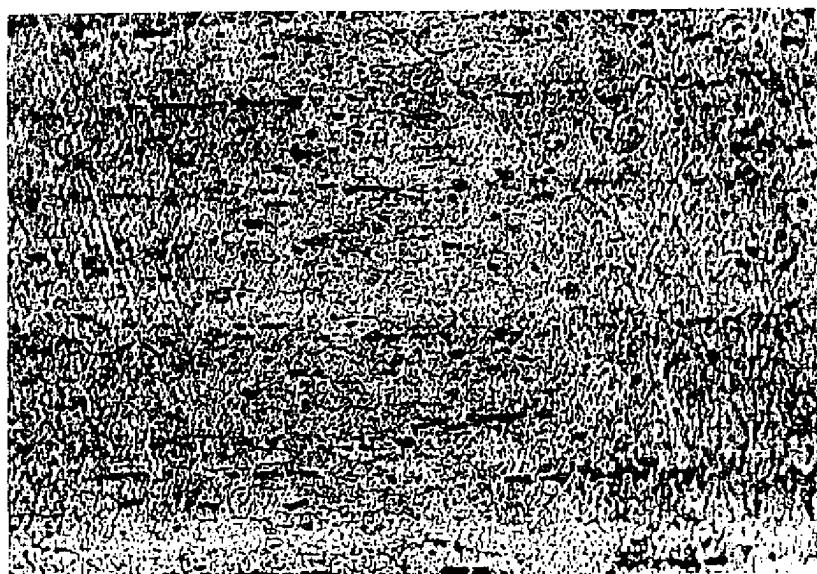
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100X 6061-T651 WROUGHT PLATE

FIG. 1



200X 6061-T651 WROUGHT PLATE

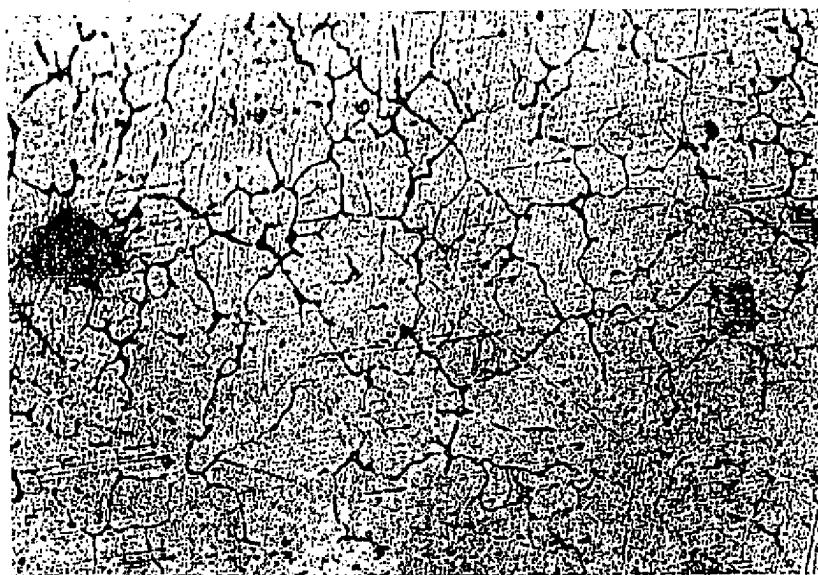
FIG. 2

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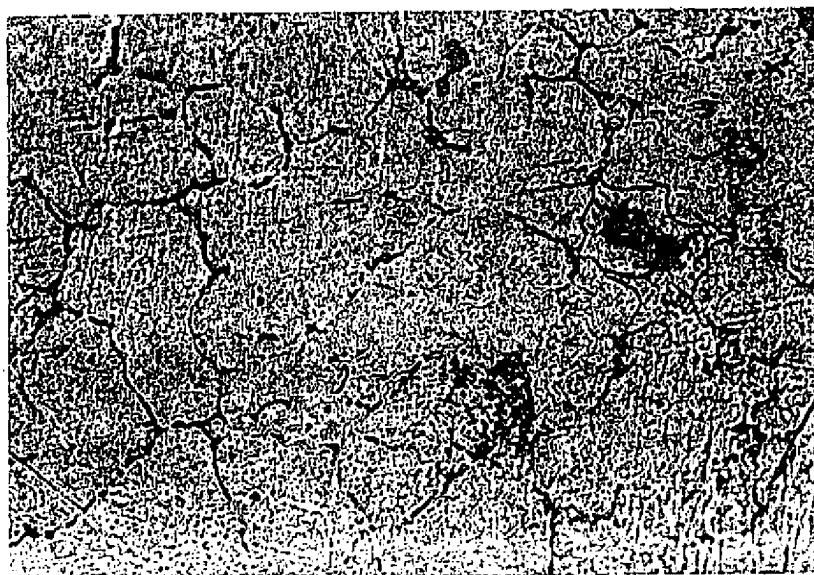
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FIG. 3



200X UNHIPPED CENTRIFUGAL CAST JC6061-T6C

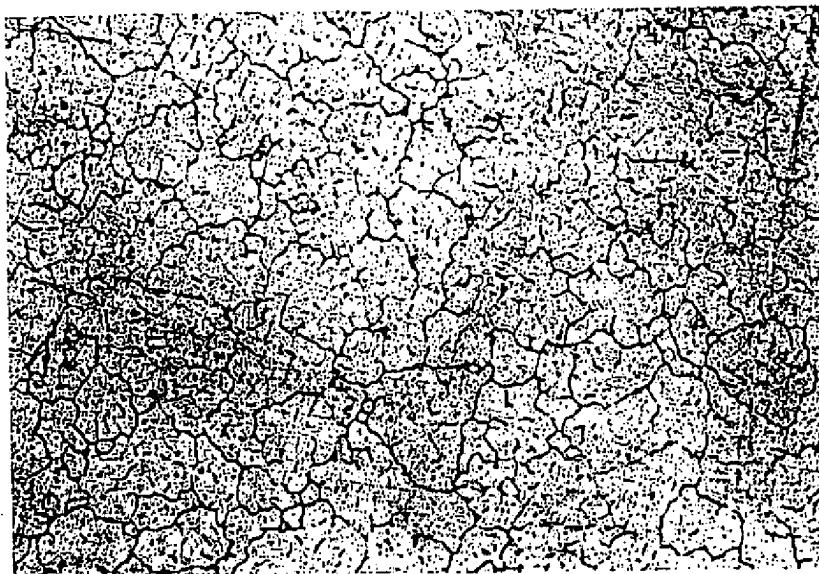
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FIG. 5



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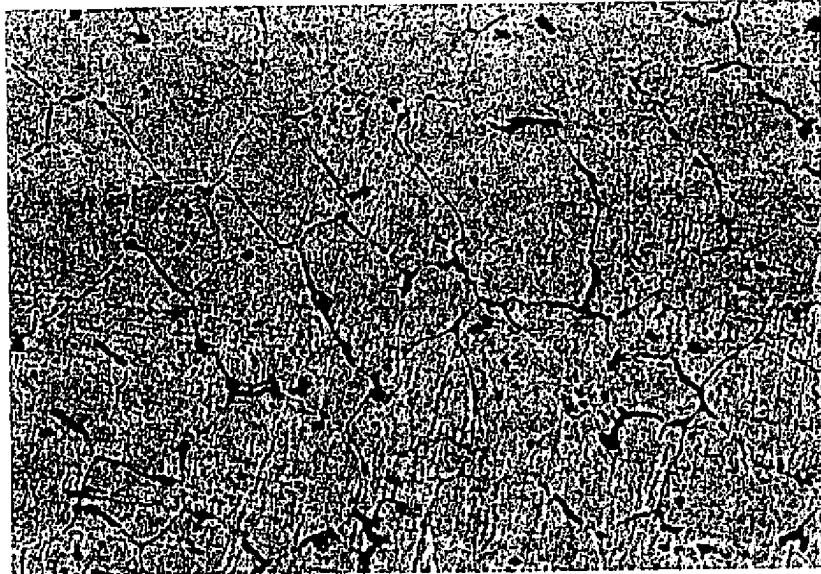
FIG. 6

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